

2022 Waukesha 4-H Dog Project

Resources & Important Information

Dog Requirements

- **Age of Dog:** Must be 6 months old by March 1
- **Temperament:** Your dog must have a good overall disposition. If you do not know if your dog is safe around other dogs, please let us know so we can do a behavioral screen before classes start.
 - **Temperament Agreement Form**
- **Vaccines:** Your dog must be up to date on the following vaccines:
 - **DHLPP booster shot (required)**
 - **Rabies vaccination (required)**
 - **Bordatella (required)**
 - **Corona**
 - **Heartworm test**
- **Fleas & Tick Prevention:** Since dogs are in close proximity we ask that you use a flea/tick preventative. If your dog currently has fleas, please keep them home and treat according to your veterinarian's instructions.
- **Dog's in Heat:** Please do not bring your dog to class while they are in heat. Keep them at home about 3 weeks. **Youth are encouraged to attend while dog is in heat to keep up with the training.**
- **Dog Ownership:** It is highly recommended that the dog trained in this program is owned by the youth doing the training. If this is not possible, please contact JoAnn Hubacek prior to registration, as certain requirements must be followed.
- **Records –** You are required to bring a copy of your dog's vaccinations records by the 1st class to ensure the safety of all youth and dogs

Youth Participant Expectations

- **Training:** Only the **youth** registered for the Dog Project should be training the dog.
 - If more than one youth is enrolled with the same dog, each youth must train the dog in different areas. (e.g. one youth may train the dog in obedience and the other may train the dog in showmanship or agility)
- **Attendance:** Attendance is VITAL in learning the exercises and in practicing training techniques. **NEW:** Awards will be given this year at the County Dog Show for highest attendance overall!
 - **Youth who do not attend at least 50% of classes will be required to do an additional screen before the county dog show to ensure that it is safe enough for the youth to exhibit their dog.**
 - If you are unable to attend class, you must email waukesha4hdogproject@gmail.com or contact your instructor directly.
- **Be on Time:** To get the most out of class, please arrive 5 minutes prior to your class time so you have time to exercise your dog before starting class.
- **Practice Makes Perfect:** Spending 20 minutes a day will not only help the dog, but it will help the youth gain confidence in the patterns and techniques learned in class.
- **Be Respectful:** Respect your dog, respect your instructors and respect your classmates.
- **Have Fun:** We want you to learn but it is important that you have fun in the process

Contact Information!

Waukesha 4-H Dog Project Leaders

- **Email:** waukesha4hdogproject@gmail.com
- **JoAnn Hubacek – 262.251.6768**
- **Mary Rafel – 262.853.4417**



Class Expectations

- **What to Bring to Class:** The following items should be brought to every class
 - **6-foot Leash:** leather preferred, width should be between ¼" and 3/8" for small dogs; ½" for larger dogs
 - **Training Collar:** Choke chain collars, pincher collars, buckle collars, martingale collars, and in special cases, harnesses are acceptable.
 - Choke chain collars should fit just over the dog's head (i.e. fit around the neck plus 2 inches)
 - **Show Collar:** In the ring the only acceptable collars will include a choke chain, buckle collar, and martingale collar. Collars cannot have tags on them.
 - **Water Bowl and Water:** Your dog may get thirsty before or after class. Be sure to provide your own water from home to prevent your dog from getting sick (some dogs are sensitive)
 - **Bags for Cleaning up Waste:** We are expected to clean up after ourselves, so it is important that you clean up your own dog's waste. It is recommended that you exercise your dog outside before class and pick up the waste before starting class.
 - **Face Mask:** See COVID-19 precautions/requirements by UW Extension
 - **Hand Sanitizer:** See COVID-19 precautions/requirements (*recommended*)
- **Facility & Safety Rules:**
 - Dogs must be on leash at all times unless otherwise instructed by the class instructor
 - Dogs may not be left unattended
 - Dogs may not accompany you or parents to the restroom. If you need someone to hold your dog, please ask your instructor

Expectations of Parents (Guardians)

- **Attend Often:** If you can attend, we encourage you to come to the classes so you are aware of what is going on at the training sessions. Your youth needs your support and being there for them is important in their growth and confidence.
- **Be Present but in the Background:** We want our parents involved and supporting youth; however, we do not want the parent training the dog. If you want to provide advice or suggestions to the youth when they practice or demonstrate a skill, that is fine. In the end, however, we want to ensure that youth are building that relationship with their dog through training and other interactions (e.g. feeding the dog, walking the dog, etc.)

Dress Code

- **During Class & Practice:** Be comfortable and be appropriate for handling your dog – NO FLIP FLOPS please! 😊
- **During the Show:**
 - **Obedience/Agility/Rally:** Dress comfortably so you can do all the exercises easily and safely (i.e. do not wear heels, flip flops or low-cut shirts)
 - **Showmanship:** Think *professional* but be comfortable too.

